

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, July 6, 1998, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman  
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair  
Bob Anderson, Commissioner  
Danny Oberg, Commissioner

Commissioner Rowe was attending the Kennedy Institute at Harvard University. He left his votes with the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE

Dan Elliott, Administrator  
Utility Division

(320) In the matter of PACIFICORP DOCKET NO. D98.6.136; On June 18, 1998, PacifiCorp filed for authority to issue and sell not more than 45,000,000 shares of its Common Stock. The Company requests that such authority remain in effect until all the Shares have been issued. The purpose of the requested authority is to issue the Shares from time to time as acquisitions or requirements for funding of the company's non-utility operations arise. Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve and issue Default Order No. 6078. Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

(321) In the matter of SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS CO. - Docket N98.6.137; On June 23, 1998, Sprint Communications filed tariff revisions to change the name of Resale Solutions and its associated products to Single Source Solutions; and to introduce Sprint Sense Block of Time, which allows customers to place a predetermined number of Dial-1 intrastate and interstate minutes during a month for a monthly recurring charge. Any usage above the predetermined minutes will be charged a flat non-distance, non-time of day sensitive rate. Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the tariff revisions. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator  
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(322) In the matter of T-98.21.RI - Montana Tariff Bureau, Agent, (for and on behalf of Montana Intrastate Household Goods Carriers) filed a request of rate increases, rate decreases, and new items to Montana Tariff Bureau, Household Goods Tariff No. 1. The rate changes apply to the transportation of household goods within the State of Montana.

Item 120, Charges Payment Of, reflects an increase on household goods movements arranged through any booking agent, brokerage firm or third party from the current charge of ten (10) percent to fifteen (15) percent

Item 610, Bulky Articles - Loading and Unloading Charges and Weight Additives,

reflects the addition of two new accessorial charges for gun safes and big screen televisions 40 inches or larger. These accessorial charges are in addition to distance commodity rates.

Item 650, Packing Containers, Packing and Unpacking, reflects rate increases for packing fees of between twenty-nine point six (29.6) percent and thirty-one point one (31.1) percent and rate increases for unpacking fees of between twenty-eight point six (28.6) percent and thirty-one point two (31.2) percent.

Item 675, Valuation - Full Protection, reflects a decrease in the minimum declared value from \$21,000 to \$5,000.

Protests were due June 29, 1998 and no protests have been received. Commissioner Oberg moved to approve the rate changes. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissione

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson  
Commission Secretary

(SEAL

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Bob Anderson, Commissioner  
Danny Oberg, Commissioner

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APPEARANCE

Denise Peterson, Robin McHugh, Will Rosquist, Joel Tierney

(323) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Electric Licensing Rules  
- Docket No.

L997.8.6.RUL; Commissioner Anderson moved to issue the notice of Adoption of Rules for Electric Licensing in accordance with MAPA requirements. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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DAVE FISHER, Chairman

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NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

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BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

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DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

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BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson  
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, July 7, 1998 the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman  
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair  
Bob Anderson, Commissioner  
Danny Oberg, Commissioner

Commissioner Rowe was attending the Kennedy Institute at Harvard University. He left his votes with the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE  
Martin Jacobson

(324) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of US West Communication's Inc., annual report - Docket No. N98.6.148; Commissioner Oberg moved to grant the protective order as outlined by staff. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion. Commissioner Anderson made a substitute motion to grant the protective order per staff recommendation with the exception of executive salaries.

Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed 3 - 2. Commissioners McCaffree, Anderson and Rowe voted aye. Commissioners Fisher and Oberg dissented. Commissioner Anderson moved to reconsider our previous action. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which

passed 3 - 2. Commissioners McCaffree, Anderson and Rowe voted aye. Commissioners Fisher and Oberg dissented. Commissioner Anderson moved to reconsider our previous action. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed 3-1-0. Commissioners McCaffree, Oberg and Anderson voted aye. Commissioner Fisher dissented. Commissioner Rowe's vote was not cast. Commissioner Anderson moved to schedule oral arguments on 23, 24, 27. Motion failed for lack of a second. Commissioner Oberg moved to grant protection on schedule 23 and 24 as outlined by staff and directed staff to schedule oral arguments on 27. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed 3-1. Commissioners McCaffree, Oberg and Anderson voted aye. Commissioner Fisher dissented. Commissioner Rowe's vote was not cast.

(325) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Montana Power Company's Gas Pilot Program - Docket No. D98.2.28; Commissioner Oberg moved to suspend the procedural schedule for a two week period due to settlement discussions. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

(326) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Electric Territorial Integrity - Docket No. D98.5.106, D98.5.114 and D98.5.115; Commissioner McCaffree moved to direct staff to draft final order approving the agreement. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

(327) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of US West Communications, Inc. 271 Filing - Docket D97.5.87; Commissioner McCaffree moved to sustain objections of Montana Wireless to USWC second set of data requests and also sustain MCI's 12-10 through 12-26 objections and similar objections of other intervenors on these same issues. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe left his proxy to Commissioner Anderson. Commissioner Anderson had Commissioner Rowe's proxy and cast his vote as "AYE".

(328) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of US West Communications, Inc., Extended Area Service True-Up Rate Reduction and Refund- Docket No. D98.5.100 and USWC's review of Yellowstone EAS Region Docket No. D97.10.206; Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve Final Order No. 6073 and 6074 EAS. Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Fisher had Commissioner Rowe's proxy and cast his vote as "AYE"

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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DAVE FISHER, Chairman

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NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

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BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

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DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

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BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson  
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Wednesday, July 8, 1998 the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman  
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair  
Bob Anderson, Commissioner  
Danny Oberg, Commissioner

Commissioner Rowe was attending the Kennedy Institute at Harvard University. He left his votes with the Commission Secretary.

## APPEARANCE

Karen Hammel, Kate Whitney

(329) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of US West Communication, Inc. 271 Filing and consideration of objections to Data Requests - Docket No. D97.5.87; Commissioner McCaffree moved to accept staff recommendation to sustain in part and grant in part the objections of parties to USWC's data requests. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson held Commissioner Rowe's proxy and cast his vote as "AYE".

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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DAVE FISHER, Chairman

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NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

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BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

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DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

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BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson  
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Wednesday, July 8, 1998 the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman  
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair  
Bob Anderson, Commissioner  
Danny Oberg, Commissioner

Commissioner Rowe did not vote on the following items.

APPEARANCE  
Karen Hammel

(330) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of the complaint of Karen Murphy and 340 petitioners vs. Central Montana Communications - Docket No. D95.5.24; Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the Final Order closing the docket. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(331) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of AT&T/USWC's Arbitration Interconnection Agreement - Docket No. D96.11.200; Commissioner Anderson moved to grant AT&T's motion on data requests. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(332) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of USWC - Docket No. D98.6.140 and D98.6.139; Commissioner McCaffree moved to consolidate D98.7.151 into D98.6.140 and issue a Notice of Complaint requiring US West to respond to the complaint within 20 days. Commissioner McCaffree further moved to dismiss the complaint in D98.6.139 as the Public Service Commission does not have the authority to award the damages requested. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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DAVE FISHER, Chairman

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NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

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BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

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DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

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BOB ROWE, Commissioner  
ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson  
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, July 13, 1998, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman  
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair  
Bob Anderson, Commissioner  
Danny Oberg, Commissioner

Commissioner Rowe was attending the Kennedy Institute at Harvard University. He left his votes with the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE  
Dan Elliott, Administrator  
Utility Division

(333) In the matter of CENTURYTEL- Docket N98.6.146; On June 29, 1998, CenturyTel filed tariff pages adding volume and term discounts for Digital Switched Service (DSS) trunks. Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the tariff filing. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

(334) MCI TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORP - Docket N98.6.145; On June 26, 1998, MCI filed tariff pages deferring the access surcharge rate for Option F (Prism Plus); expanding the service offering feature for Option O (MCI PrePaid); and clarifying the monthly fee charge for Option CC (MCI One Advantage). Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the tariff filing. Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

(335) RONAN TELEPHONE CO. - Docket N98.6.144; On June 24, 1998, Ronan Telephone Company filed tariff revisions adding monthly charges for Unlimited Usage and 10 Hours Per Month Maximum Usage, for both Personal and Business Internet Access Services, along with additions to the E-Mail Accounts. Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the tariff filing. Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

(336) MCI TELECOMMUNICATIONS - Docket N98.6.135; On June 17, 1998, MCI filed Transmittal Letter No. 98-13 to make textual changes to Digital Private Line Service and to add two additional digits to their CIC code. This filing also increases rates for Analog Service. That rate increase does not require Commission approval. McCaffree moved to approve the

tariff filing.  
Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.  
Commissioner Rowe voted  
aye.

APPEARANCE  
Wayne Budt, Administrator  
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(337) In the matter of Docket T-98.20.ST; On May 28, 1998 Security Armored Express, Inc., Helena, Montana filed an application for transfer of Montana Intrastate Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, PSC No. 899 SUB A ONLY, to Griffin Phoenix, Inc. dba Eagle Services, Billings, Montana.

Class D - Ashes, trash, waste, refuse, rubbish and garbage, within the City of Great Falls, Montana, and to or from points tributary thereto, but within a distance not exceeding ten (10) miles in any direction from said city. Carrier is allowed to transport authorized commodities to certified landfills from territory authorized.

No protests were received. Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the transfer of PSC 9405 (SubA only). Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

APPEARANCE  
Laura Calkin  
Centralized Services

(338) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes; Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the Commission Minutes for the weeks of June 29, 1998 and July 6, 1998. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissione

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson  
Commission Secretary



(SEAL

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, July 14, 1998 the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman  
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair  
Bob Anderson, Commissioner  
Danny Oberg, Commissioner

Commissioner Rowe was attending the Kennedy Institute at Harvard University. He left his votes with the Commission Secretary via electronic mail.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Mike Lee, Jay Driscoll

(339) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of US West Communications, Inc. 271 filing - Docket No. D97.5.87; Commissioner Oberg moved to grant the petition of LCI to withdraw from the docket. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Joel Tierney

(340) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Customer Construction Rule - N96.4.55; Commissioner Oberg moved to direct staff to prepare a draft Notice of Inquiry on utility construction rules. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Denise Peterson, Eric Eck, Will Rosquist, Joel Tierney

(341) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of PacifiCorp Transition Plan - Docket No. D97.7.91; Commissioner Anderson moved to issue an addendum to the protective order to extend protection to material filed electronically. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Wayne Budt, Dan Elliott

(342) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Employee Recognition Day; Commissioner Anderson moved to submit the names of Will Rosquist and Denise Peterson as the Montana PSC nomination to the Governor for Employee Recognition Day. Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed 4-1. Commissioners Fisher, Oberg, Anderson and Rowe voted aye. Commissioner McCaffree dissented.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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DAVE FISHER, Chairman

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NANCY McCaffree, Vice Chair

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BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

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DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

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BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson  
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

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Dave Fisher, Chairman  
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair  
Bob Anderson, Commissioner

Commissioner Oberg was absent but left his proxy to Chairman Fisher. Commissioner Rowe was attending the Kennedy Institute at Harvard University. He left his votes with the Commission Secretary.

## ATTENDANCE

Robin McHugh, Mike Lee, Jay Driscoll

(343) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of US West Communications, Inc. 271 filing - Docket No. D97.5.87, Revised objections of AT&T Communications of the Mountain States, Inc. to Commission's staff data requests ; Commissioner Anderson moved to sustain, clarify and deny objection as recommended by staff.. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Fisher voted Commissioner Oberg aye. Commissioner Anderson voted Commissioner Rowe aye.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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DAVE FISHER, Chairman

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NANCY McCaffree, Vice Chair

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BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

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DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

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BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson  
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Thursday, July 16, 1998 the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman  
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair  
Bob Anderson, Commissioner  
Danny Oberg, Commissioner

Commissioner Rowe was attending the Kennedy Institute at Harvard University. He left his proxy to Commissioner Anderson.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Wendy Fuller, Jay Driscoll, Scott Fabel, Mike Lee

(344) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of US West Communications, Inc. 271 filing and pending motions and objections to data requests - Docket D97.5.87; Commissioner Oberg moved to direct staff to issue a Notice of Commission Action that sustains in part and denies in part, objections of AT&T and Sprint to USWC's second set of data requests. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson cast Commissioner Rowe aye.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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DAVE FISHER, Chairman

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NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

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BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

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DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

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BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson  
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Thursday, July 16, 1998 the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman  
Bob Anderson, Commissioner  
Danny Oberg, Commissioner

Commissioner McCaffree was absent and did not vote on this item. Commissioner Rowe was attending the Kennedy Institute at Harvard University. He left his proxy to Commissioner Anderson.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Wendy Fuller, Jay Driscoll, Scott Fabel

(345) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of US West Communications, Inc. 271 filing and pending motions and objections to data requests - Docket D97.5.87; Commissioner Anderson moved to direct staff to issue a Notice of Commission Action sustaining the pending objections of McLeod USA to USWC data requests and also sustaining TCG objections to USWC data requests. Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson cast Commissioner Rowe aye.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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DAVE FISHER, Chairman

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BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

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DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

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BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson  
Commission Secretary

(SEAL

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, July 20, 1998, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman  
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair  
Bob Anderson, Commissioner

Commissioners Oberg was absent and Rowe were absent and did not vote on the following items.

## APPEARANCE

Dan Elliott, Administrator  
Utility Division

(346) In the matter of MONTANA POWER COMPANY - DOCKET NO. D98.7.150; On July 2, 1998, MPC filed an application seeking authority to issue not to exceed 2,000,000 shares of Common Stock for use in its Long-Term Incentive Plan for Compensating Employees. A Default Order has been Drafted. Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the application. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(347) In the matter of US WEST COMMUNICATIONS (N98.6.129) ; On June 15, 1998, US WEST notified the Commission of their intent to offer Call Reports as a deregulated product in Montana pursuant to ARM 38.5.2705. Call Reports is a service that provides report summaries and analysis of incoming call data collected via USWCAs Call Data Collection and Transmission (CDCT), a regulated service. Notice has been given and the Commission has received no request for hearing.

## APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator  
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(348) In the matter of TN1935 - William E. Weeks, Jr. dba Bubba's Limo Service, Glasgow, Montana, requests suspension of PSC No. 9365 for a six months period, July 20, 1998 to January 20, 1999.

Class B - Passengers by limousine service between all points and places within Valley County.

Limitations: Transportation is limited to eight (8) passengers or less.

Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the request for suspension of PSC No. 9365 for a period of six months. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously..

(349) In the matter of TN1936 - Donald A. Hurley dba Body Snatchers Etc., Billings, Montana, requests permission to amend the 'dba' on PSC No. 9396 to read Donald A. Hurley dba Arrive In Style.

Class B - Passengers by classic car between all points and places in Bighorn, Carbon, Golden Valley, Musselshell, Stillwater, and Yellowstone Counties. Limitations: (1) Transportation is restricted to passenger vehicles having a capacity not to exceed six (6) passengers. (2) Transportation is limited to classic vintage automobile service only. (3) Transportation as a bus, jitney, or taxi is prohibited. (4) Service is restricted to that provided by reservations made at least one (1) hour in advance. (5) The hiring of antique and classic car service must be for entire vehicle, and solicitation of individual passengers to constitute a load is prohibited.

(6) Antique, classic and stretch limousine are prohibited.

Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the request to amend the 'dba' on PSC No. 9396.

Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(350) In the matter of TN1937 - Frank Dotz dba Dotz Pianos, Missoula, Montana, requests a final six months suspension on PSC No. 9233, from July 14, 1998 to January 14, 1999.

Class B - Pianos and organs between all points and places in Missoula and Ravalli Counties.

Limitations: Transportation which both originates and terminates within a ten (10) mile radius of Hamilton, Montana or Darby, Montana is prohibited.

Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the request for a final six months suspension on PSC No.

9233. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(351) In the matter of TN1938 - 4 X 4 Stage, Inc., Belgrade, Montana, requests permission to continue the lease of PSC No. 2278 to All Valley Cab, Belgrade, Montana for a one year period, July 20, 1998 to July 20, 1999.

Class B - Persons between all points and place within Gallatin, Park and Madison Counties.

Commissioner McCaffree moved to grant permission to continue the lease.

Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

ATTEST

Kathlene M. Anderson  
Commission Secretary

(SEAL

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, July 21, 1998 the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman  
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair  
Bob Anderson, Commissioner  
Danny Oberg, Commissioner

Commissioner Rowe was attending the Kennedy Institute at Harvard University but left his votes with

the Commission Secretary or left his proxy as noted.

## APPEARANCE

Denise Peterson, Wayne Budt

(352) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Sanitation, Inc. -  
Review and approval of final  
order - Docket No. T-97.91.PCN; Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the  
final order granting  
the Public Convenience and Necessity application of Sanitation, Inc..  
Commissioner McCaffree  
seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

## APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, Wayne Budt

(353) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Pre-emption of charter  
bus transportation;  
Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the draft press release on pre-emption  
of charter bus  
service as Commission policy in view of congressional action.. Commissioner  
McCaffree seconded the  
motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

## APPEARANCE

Karen Hammel

(354) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of USWC, Inc. South Dakota  
Services request to  
withdraw - Docket Nos. D98.5.103 and D98.6.1225; Commissioner Oberg moved to  
deny withdrawal  
of these dockets and to direct staff to process as business-as-usual.  
Commissioner McCaffree seconded  
the motion, which passed 4-0. Commissioner Rowe left a vote on this item, but  
it could not applied in  
light of the motion. Hence, Commissioner Rowe did not vote on this item.

## APPEARANCE

David Burchett

(355) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Year 2000 Issue and  
Utility Industry  
Preparation - N98.6.138; Commissioner Anderson moved to direct staff to  
develop a Notice of Inquiry  
asking for comments on Year 2000 policy issues. Commissioner McCaffree  
seconded the motion,  
which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

## APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson

(356) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of permanent licensing for  
Natural Gas suppliers  
and related matters; Commissioner Anderson moved to adopt staff counsel  
recommendations to grant  
temporary protective orders, process permanent applications and notify interim  
licensees who failed to  
file permanent applications that they must cease natural gas marketing.  
Commissioner McCaffree  
seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Oberg voted  
Commissioner Rowe as  
aye.

## APPEARANCE

Karen Hammel, Mike Lee, Scott Fabel

(357) In the matter of the hearing discussion of USWC Rate Restructuring -

Docket No.  
D96.12.220; Commissioner Anderson moved to grant Montana Consumer Counsel an extension to submit comments until 5:00 p.m. this date. Commission Oberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

APPEARANCE  
Martin Jacobson

(358) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Electric Territorial Integrity Act Exclusive Service Agreement - D98.5.105/106/114/115; Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the final orders approving exclusive service agreements entered into under the electric territorial integrity act. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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DAVE FISHER, Chairman

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NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

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BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

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DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

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BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson  
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Wednesday, July 22, 1998 the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman  
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair  
Danny Oberg, Commissioner

Commissioner Anderson was absent and did not vote on this item. Commissioner Rowe was attending the Kennedy Institute at Harvard University. He left his proxy to Commissioner Fisher.

APPEARANCE  
Karen Hammel, Wendy Fuller, Jay Driscoll, Scott Fabel, Mike Lee, Bonnie Lorang

(359) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of USWC, Inc. 271 case and pending motions and



objections - Docket No. D97.5.87; Commissioner Oberg moved to adopt staff counsel recommendations to sustain and deny in part, certain objections to USWC data requests; sustain objections to (MCI) data requests numbered USW 60-8 and corresponding matrix numbers for other intervenors and deny AT&T renewed objections to USW 204, -221, -222, - 223, -229, and -235 (clarifying previous discovery notice served on June 26, 1998). Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Fisher voted Commissioner Rowe aye.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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DAVE FISHER, Chairman

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NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

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DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

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BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson  
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Thursday, July 23, 1998 the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman  
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair  
Bob Anderson, Commissioner  
Danny Oberg, Commissioner

Commissioner Rowe was attending the Kennedy Institute at Harvard University. He joined this work session via telephone hookup and left his proxy to Commissioner Anderson for any other procedural matters.

APPEARANCE

Denise Peterson, Will Rosquist, Eric Eck, Joel Tierney

(360) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of PacifiCorp Electric Restructuring Plan, motions for reconsideration and other pending matters - Docket No. D97.7.91; Commissioner Oberg moved to reconsider our previous action and grant, in part, Plum Creek Timber Company, L.P., request to modify unbundled production costs. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye. Commissioner Oberg moved

to deny  
PacifiCorp's motion to vacate the hearing and suspend further consideration of  
docket. Staff is directed  
to continue hearing date and call a procedural and attorneys conference.  
Commissioner Anderson  
seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted  
Commissioner Rowe  
aye.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was  
adjourned.

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DAVE FISHER, Chairman

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NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

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BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

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DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

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BOB ROWE, Commissioner  
ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson  
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held  
at the Commission's  
Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, July 27, 1998, the following members  
were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman  
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair  
Danny Oberg, Commissioner

Commissioners Anderson and Rowe were attending the Summer NARUC meetings in  
Seattle,  
Washington, but left their votes with the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE  
Dan Elliott, Administrator  
Utility Division

(361) In the matter of BLACK HILLS POWER & LIGHT Docket D98.6.147; On June 30,  
1998,  
BHP&L filed a Quarterly Fuel Rate Rider application. A Notice of Opportunity  
for Public Hearing  
was issued on July 6, 1998. Requests for hearing were due by July 27, 1998.  
No requests have been  
received. This application will increase rates by \$7,547 over the base cost of  
fuel approved in Docket  
No. 83.4.25. A default order has been drafted. Commissioner McCaffree moved  
to approve the  
default order. Commission Oberg seconded the motion, which passed  
unanimously. Commissioners  
Anderson and Rowe voted aye.

Item #'s 362 and 363 were voted on as one item:

(362) In the matter of BIG SKY TECHNOLOGIES V. USWC - DOCKET D97.3.37; U S West, with the support of Big Sky Technologies, has moved that this complaint be dismissed because the parties have reached a mutually acceptable settlement agreement for action.

(363) In the matter of BIG SKY TECHNOLOGIES V. USWC - DOCKET D97.3.51; U S West, with the support of Big Sky Technologies, has moved that this complaint be dismissed because the parties have reached a mutually acceptable settlement agreement for action.

Commissioner Oberg moved to dismiss the complaints in Docket Nos. D97.3.37 and D97.3.51.

Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioners Anderson and Rowe voted aye.

(364) In the matter of U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N98.7.160 - On July 1, 1998, U

S West Communications filed Tariff Transmittal 98-AC04, "Modification of Carrier Identification Code (CIC) format", adding text changes to the Access Service Tariff. This filing is made to remove the availability of three digit CIC's and the associated dialing pattern (10XXX) from the intrastate access tariffs. Effective July 1, 1998, four digit CIC's and a 101XXXX dialing pattern are required.

Both three digit and four digit CIC's and both dialing patterns were permitted during the transition period; this transition is currently reflected in the access tariffs. The FCC ruled that the transition to the new four digit CIC format be completed by June 30, 1998, which has been completed.

Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the Tariff Transmittal 98-AC04.

Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Anderson and Rowe voted aye.

#### Additional Items:

(365) In the matter of USWC Arbitration (request for extension until Wednesday, July 29, 1998) - Docket No. D96.11.200; Commissioner Oberg moved to grant the extension until 5:00 p.m., July 29, 1998. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Anderson and Rowe were unable to vote on this item.

(366) In the matter of the Complaint of AT&T / Spring Access Charges/Anticompetitiveness and their request for an additional seven (7) days to respond to Motion to Dismiss (on or before August 5, 1998) - Docket No. D98.6.142; Commissioner McCaffree moved to grant the request for the extension of time until August 5, 1999 to respond to the Motion to Dismiss. Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

#### APPEARANCE

Laura Calkin  
Centralized Services

(367) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes; Commissioner McCaffree moved to

approve the Commission Minutes for the weeks of July 13 and July 20, 1998. Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Anderson and Rowe voted aye.

(368) In the matter of the Commissions approve of the September 1998 calendar; Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the calendar. Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Anderson and Rowe voted aye.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson  
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, July 28, 1998 the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman  
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair  
Danny Oberg, Commissioner

Commissioners Anderson and Rowe were attending the Summer NARUC meetings in Seattle, Washington and did not vote on these items.

APPEARANCE  
Martin Jacobson

(369) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of the Gas Pilot Program - Docket No. D98.2.28; Commissioner Oberg moved to waive the 20 days notice rule, vacate present hearing date and directed staff to notice a hearing on settlement at the earliest possible date. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE  
Jay Driscoll

(370) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of USWC, Inc's Choice Tariff - N98.7.158; Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the tariff filing offering Custom Choice. Commissioner

Oberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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DAVE FISHER, Chairman

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NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

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DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson  
Commission Secretary

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